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What is claimed is:

[Claims]

1. (original) A developing apparatus equipped with a developing-agent holder in a cylinder shape rotating in a prescribed direction for holding a developing agent on the peripheral face thereof; a developing agent-controlling member extending in the length direction of the developing-agent holder in opposition thereto and controlling the developing agent held on the peripheral face of the developing agent holder to be in a prescribed thickness; and a magnetic plate extending in an arc shape along the peripheral face of the developing-agent holder in a region outside the lengthwise end of the developing agent-controlling member; for developing a latent image by feeding a developing agent from the developing-agent holder to the image-bearing member bearing a latent image thereon, wherein said magnetic plate has a covering part for covering a portion of the peripheral face of the developing agent-holder in a range from the magnetic plate to the region opposing the developing agent-controlling member.

2. (original) The developing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the covering part is a protruding part protruding on a portion of a face of the magnetic plate



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opposing the developing agent-controlling member.

3. (original) The developing apparatus according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the covering part is placed at the upstream side of the developing agent-controlling member in the rotation direction of the developing-agent holder.

4. (original) The developing apparatus according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the covering part is placed at the downstream side of the developing agent-controlling member in the rotation direction of the developing-agent holder.

5. (original) The developing apparatus according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the developing agent-controlling member is an elastic body, serving to control the developing agent to be in a prescribed thickness by pressure-contact with the peripheral face of the developing-agent holder; and the covering part covers a portion of the developing-agent holder ranging from the upstream side of the developing agent-controlling member in the rotation direction of the developing agent holder member to the region above the press-contact of the peripheral face of the developing agent-controlling member with the developing-agent holder.

6. (original) The developing apparatus according to any of claims 1 to 5, wherein the covering part is apart more from the peripheral face of the developing-agent holder than the other portion of the magnetic plate.

7. (original) The developing apparatus according to any of claims 1 to 6, wherein the covering part has a slanting face which slants from the upstream side to the downstream



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side in the rotation direction of the developing-agent holder toward the inside of the developing-agent holder and along the peripheral face.

8. (original) An image-forming apparatus, employing the developing apparatus set forth in any of claims 1 to 7, for forming an image by developing an electrostatic latent image with the developing apparatus.